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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Candace L. Bradford

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-46 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restriction

1. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the sash positioning device:

Species I of the sash positioning device drawn to figures 2-4;

Species II of the sash positioning device drawn to figure 5;

Species III of the sash positioning device drawn to figures 9 and 10;

Species IV of the sash positioning device drawn to figure 11;

Species V of the sash positioning device drawn to figure 12;

Species VI of the sash positioning device drawn to figure 13;

Species VII of the sash positioning device drawn to figure 14;

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species of the sash positioning device for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

2. In addition to the above restriction requirement of the sash positioning device this application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the storm door as follows:

Species I of the storm door drawn to figure 1a;

Species II of the storm door with the retractable screen drawn to figure 15;

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species of the storm door for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Furthermore, if the applicant's elect Species II of the storm door with the retractable screen, then the following restriction requirement is applicable:

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the storm door with the retractable screen as follows:

Species I of the storm door with the retractable screen drawn to figures 15a, 16a, 17a, 18a, 19a, 20a, and 21a;

Species II of the storm door with the retractable screen drawn to figures 15b, 16b, 17b, 18b, 19b, 20b, 21b, and 24b;

Species III of the storm door with the retractable screen drawn to figures 15c, 16c, 17c, 18c, 19c, 20c, 21c and 21d;

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species of the storm door with the retractable screen for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Currently, no claims are generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims

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readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species.

MPEP § 809.02(a).

The species are independent or distinct because of the reasons given above and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art due to their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Candace L. Bradford whose telephone number is (571) 272-8967. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am until 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Cuomo can be reached on (571) 272-8967. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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